

**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JUNE 18, 2008**

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**DEPARTMENT: FINANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES****DIRECTOR: MARK R. VINCENT**☐ Consent ☒ Discussion**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Contract No. 080268-DK for Paintbrush Gateways Artwork Fabrication Services with one sculpture located at Las Vegas Boulevard and Fourth Street and the second sculpture located between Commerce Street and Casino Center Boulevard along Charleston Boulevard - Office of Government and Community Affairs - Award recommended to: DENNIS OPPENHEIM (\$438,000 - Multipurpose Special Revenue Fund) - Ward 3 (Reese)

**Fiscal Impact**☐**No Impact**☐**Augmentation Required**☒**Budget Funds Available****Amount:** \$438,000**Funding Source:** Multipurpose SRF**Dept./Division:** Government and Community Affairs**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

This contract provides for the design and fabrication of two fifty-foot vertical metal sculptures with lighting and a projection unit at the tip of the sculpture in the shape of a paintbrush. This project is funded through a combination of Municipal Public Arts Funds and Nevada Department of Transportation matching grant. This item is exempt from the competitive bidding process pursuant to NRS 332.115.1(a), Items which may only be contracted from a sole source.

PCC: D. Kaplan

POC: Amy Plumb - (212) 962-0178

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council approve award of Contract No. 080268-DK for Paintbrush Gateways Artwork Fabrication Services to Dennis Oppenheim in the amount of \$438,000. Authority to execute the Contract is given to the Purchasing Manager per R-48-2006.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Certificate - Disclosure of Ownership/Principals
2. Paintbrush Gateways Map, Renderings and Photo

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN,  
GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None);  
(Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

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Minutes:

MARK VINCENT, Director of Finance and Business Services, stated that this item was held for discussion to enable everyone to see what is being planned for the Arts District. He explained that this project is being funded by the Nevada Department of Transportation and the Las Vegas Arts Commission. He noted that there will be two separate contracts; one to cover the artwork and one to cover the sitework and installation of the artwork.

MAYOR GOODMAN clarified that the funds were created by City Ordinance setting aside one percent for all public art projects. MAYOR GOODMAN wanted to ensure the public was aware that the funds were not taken from the General Fund.

NANCY DEANER, Office of Cultural Affairs, introduced JOSHUA ABBEY, Chair of the Las Vegas Arts Commission. MR. ABBEY explained that this particular artwork will bring cultural recognition to the entire state. Using the overhead, MR. ABBEY described the proposed art piece. He mentioned that there were over a hundred submissions.

DAVID CURTIS asked whether there were any local artists who submitted proposals. MR. ABBEY replied that there was a local group of University of Nevada art students. MR. CURTIS stated it was unfortunate that the funds could not have been used for local artists.

DICK GUYER, 18-B Las Vegas Arts District, expressed his excitement at the selection of this monumental art sculpture. MR. ABBEY remarked that the projected completion date will be January 2010.

COUNCILMAN BROWN questioned whether the funding for Phase 2 has been identified. MR. VINCENT replied that it would be the same funding. COUNCILMAN BROWN expressed the need for a guideline to determine the associated costs for the maintenance, utilities and labor. He felt it might be possible to use Redevelopment Agency monies to defray some of the expenses.

With respect to the funding and the previous comments by MR. CURTIS regarding local artists, COUNCILMAN ROSS agreed that local dollars should be reinvested back into the community.